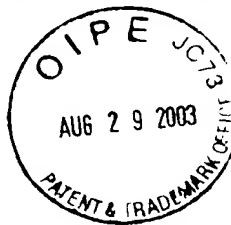


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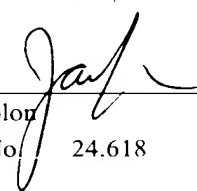
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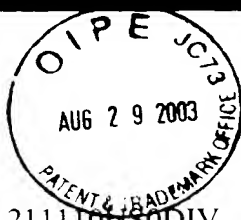

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins at page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.